

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims according to the following listing. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

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72. (New) A method for inhibiting the growth of a microbe comprising exposing the habitat of the microbe to an effective amount of a composition comprising a volatile organic compound selected from the group consisting of less than 2800 ppm isobutyric

acid, less than 2500 ppm 2-methyl-1-butanol, and 3-methyl-1-butanol, wherein the habitat of the microbe is selected from the group consisting of fruit, seeds, plants, soil surrounding the plants, farm implements, and buildings.

73. (New) The method of Claim 72 wherein the microbe is a fungus.

74. (New) The method of Claim 72 wherein the microbe is a bacterium.

75. (New) The method of Claim 73 wherein the fungus is *Rhizoctonia solani*.

76. (New) The method of Claim 72 wherein the habitat of the microbe is fruit, seeds, plants or soil surrounding the plants.

77. (New) The method of Claim 72 wherein the composition comprises less than 2800 ppm isobutyric acid.

78. (New) The method of Claim 72 wherein the composition comprises less than 2500 ppm 2-methyl-1-butanol.

79. (New) The method of Claim 72 wherein the composition comprises 3-methyl-1-butanol.

80. (New) The method of Claim 72 wherein the composition comprises less than 2500 ppm 2-methyl-1-butanol, less than 2800 ppm isobutyric acid and at least one of isobutyl alcohol, ethyl propionate and ethyl butyrate.

81. (New) The method of Claim 72 wherein the composition comprises less than 2800 ppm isobutyric acid, 3-methyl-1-butanol, and at least one of isobutyl alcohol, ethyl propionate and ethyl butyrate.

82. (New) The method of Claim 72 wherein the composition comprises less than 2800 ppm isobutyric acid and at least two of isobutyl alcohol, ethyl propionate and ethyl butyrate.